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Location: 434 Luzerne Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large and spacious "Early Modern" single-family home. Two-and-a-half stories, hip roof with large dormer and wide roof overhang. Brick construction and exterior. Large hip-roofed front porch. Decorative geometric brickwork in contrasting color. Bay window on second floor. Leaded glass front door and sidelights executed in geometric design.

History: The house, designed by Johnstown architect Walter Myton, was built sometime between 1908 and 1913 for E. E. Stimmel. Elmer E. Stimmel purchased the property for \$2,100 from Cambria Iron Co. on October 21, 1908. The house, which appears on the 1913 Sanborn map of Westmont, stayed in the Stimmel family for several decades.

Sources:

Deed Records (210:367, Cambria Iron Co. to Elmer E. Stimmel; 270:184, 773:466, 908:121), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory, 1907-08.

Policicchio, Benjamin, "The Architecture of Johnstown," in Johnstown: The Story of a Unique Valley (Johnstown, 1985), 386-87.

Sanborn Map Co., Westmont, Pennsylvania, (New York: The Sanborn Map Co., 1913).

Project Information: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and an overview of the neighborhood of Westmont (HABS No. PA-5671) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

This report was prepared by Natalie Gillespie in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Gillespie's and other project historians' work was published as The Character of a Steel Mill City: Four Historic Neighborhoods of Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1989), edited by Kim E. Wallace. Illustrations in the publication include large format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe and 35 mm photographs taken by the project historians.